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REMARKS

The above-captioned patent application has been carefully reviewed in light of the non-final Office Action to which this Amendment is responsive. Applicant has amended the specification to conform to the drawings. No new matter has been added.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of Claims 13-20 over the prior art of record. Applicant herein has amended the specification to delete the specific reference to the cruciform joint divider at page 4 of the specification, line 26. The amendment now comports the specification and drawings and it is therefore believed the above-captioned patent application should be allowable. A Notice of Allowability is therefore respectfully requested.

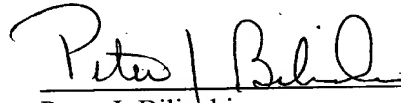
If the Examiner wishes to expedite disposition of the above-captioned patent application, he is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

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